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Light Utility Helicopters
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed agreements with the Russian Government for manufacturing fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft, multi-role helicopters including Ka-226 helicopters in Joint Venture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the whether there has been delay in execution of various defence projects by the Russian Government and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a delegation of the Ministry has visited Russia recently to resolve the issues; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with other steps being taken to fast-track major defence projects being executed with cooperation of the Russian Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
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(a)&(b): The Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) for development and production of Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) was signed between India and Russia in October, 2007. The Preliminary design phase was completed in June 2013 against the planned date of August 2012.

In its meeting in May 2015, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for procurement and co-production in India of the Russian Ka-226T Helicopters for Indian Army and Air Force.

(c) There has been a delay in execution of some defence projects. The delay is due to non-completion of Design & Development activities and delay in supply of upgrade kits amongst other things.

(d)&(e): Raksha Mantri had visited Russia from October 30, 2015 to November 02, 2015 for participating in the 15th India-Russia Inter Governmental Commission on Military and Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-MTC). During the visit, both sides discussed a range of issues of mutual interest concerning bilateral military technical cooperation and regional and global security issues. Both sides also discussed the measures for resolving issues in implementation of on-going projects under Military Technical Cooperation.
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